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Tannis Slimmon, Katherine Wheatley, and Angie Nussey make up the band Boreal. They are artists in residence at Haliburton Folk Camp. Boreal is performing in a concert open to the public on March 7. See page 7 for details.
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Irondale gets a taste of Portugal

SUE TIFFIN

County Life Staff

The warm smells of a feast greeted visitors to the Irondale Community Centre before they even stepped through the doors on Feb. 22 for a three-course authentic Portuguese dinner served as a fundraiser for Bark Lake Cultural Developments to help preserve the town of Irondale's history.

The menu included *caldo verde*, a type of potato-base soup with greens, *piri piri assado combattos*, roast chicken with roasted potatoes and Portuguese sausage, along-side rice, salad, homemade bread, and served before *bolo de balacha*, a biscuit cake, much of it prepared by John Faria, who moved to the area about a year ago.

"His mom and dad came from Portugal," said Linda Code, a volunteer that evening and Faria's mother-in-law. "His mom is a very good cook. When I asked

him about cooking for this dinner, John loves to cook. Doesn't matter what it is. Doesn't have to be Portuguese. He just loves to cook anything. He said, 'well, I have to talk to my mom.' So there's been a lot of calling back and forth."

Rosalina Faria, who now lives in Oshawa, was raised on a farm in Portugal where as a young girl, Code said she would be asked to find the free-range chickens in the yard to collect their eggs before they were lost.

Dinners have also been hosted in the community that celebrated Italian food, and the food from each Canadian province during Canada 150 celebrations. A Fish 'n' Fowl Feast will be hosted in Gooderham at the Robert McCausland Memorial Centre on April 18, a Wild Game Dinner at the Gooderham community centre on July 18 and a November dinner on Nov. 7 with a theme yet to be announced. For more information visit irondaleontario.ca.



A Portuguese-themed community dinner held in Irondale on Feb. 22 included potato soup with greens, roast chicken, Portuguese sausage and biscuit cake. / SUE TIFFIN Staff

Volunteer Linda Code shows off a meal created by her son-in-law John Faria with help from his mother, Rosalina, for a Portuguese-themed community dinner held in Irondale on Feb. 22.



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Don't toss it! Bring it to SIRCH's Repair Café in Minden

Did you hear about SIRCH Community Services' first Repair Café held in January? It was so much fun! One-hundred-thirty-four attendees participated in a fabulous day of fixing and community-building. Lots of items were repaired. Some needed additional parts and hopefully their owners will bring them back to another Repair Café. Children tried out the Tinker Table, assembled things, took things apart or built amazing items with a 3D printer supplied by the Haliburton County Public Library.

"There's an amazing energy at SIRCH's Repair Cafés – there's a palpable feeling of hope and joy and comradery. And when the bell rings to indicate an item is fixed, everyone breaks out into applause," said Chris Varga, SIRCH's Repair Café co-ordinator.

"Our first Repair Café in January was a huge success, thanks to the tremendous efforts of volunteer fixers," said Varga. "This amazing team of volunteer fixers is back for our Repair Café on Saturday, March 7, ready to fix broken lamps, mend ripped clothes, rewire power tools, and repair jewelry. There is even an opportunity

for children to make and repair toys."

"This is perfect, I love this," said a man who had a drone repaired at the first Repair Café. "This is some place to bring your stuff that otherwise they'd be telling you to trash it."

"Efficient and people are very friendly," said a woman who had a bath pillow repaired. "It's an awesome thing to be able to come here, and get stuff fixed."

If you have broken household items – small appliances, clothing, furniture, computers, audio equipment, jewelry, books, and porcelain – that need repairing, don't miss out on the next Repair Café, held in Minden.

SIRCH's Repair Café comes to Archie Stouffer Public School (gymnasium), at 12 Vintage Crescent, Minden, on Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Repairs are done free of charge. A donation jar will be available if you'd like to "pay it forward." Donations are appreciated, but there is no expectation.

A recent study states that Canadians produce more garbage per capita than any other country on earth. Each Canadian generates approximately 2.7 kg of garbage each day. Communities across the country – including Haliburton County – struggle with an increasing amount of residential waste that ends up in local landfills. SIRCH's Repair Cafés are a vital way to help reduce the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of by giving household items a new life.

SIRCH's Repair Café is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. OTF awarded \$108 million to 629 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

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Hospice volunteers provide care and compassion

DARREN LUM

County Life Staff

Sometimes it's as simple as making someone a cup of tea, says hospice volunteer Tina Koskelo.

Koskelo is one of more than 50 dedicated volunteers who are the backbone of the hospice services in Haliburton County. A resident of the Highlands since 2015, she encourages other people to join her in the fulfilling experience of providing care for those facing a life-threatening or serious illness, focusing on quality of life and providing emotional and practical support.

Koskelo said it's rewarding working with people.

"The reward of just being with the people. Time spent is very real, dear, and has left an impact. I remember them all," she wrote in an email.

After 13 years of volunteering, she is passionate about hospice care and what it does for clients and their caregivers.

"I'm just left with the great privilege of what it is to do this. To be able to do this. To be invited into people's homes and to witness the love [that] is in their lives or the messiness that is in their lives. That is our human experience. So what may have started as a curiosity has certainly evolved into the great privilege of the work itself," she said.

Although in some instances her time spent is just that, time with a client, and doesn't have to be anything more than just making a pot of tea for someone and being willing to listen.

The hospice program is a partnership between Community Support Services and the Central East Local Health Integration Network, which delivers programs offering compassionate care and support for people facing a life-limiting illness.

Stephanie MacLaren, vice-president community programs for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, of which Community Support Services is a part, said a strong hospice program provides community members with a holistic approach to care at a time when they need it most.

"Our hospice program is a vital component of our overall hospice palliative care program that provides support and improves the quality of life of our community members and their families facing life-limiting illness. In addition to palliative care supports provided by our health-care providers, the volunteer visiting hospice program provides psychological, social, spiritual support to clients and their families at all stages of illness, grief and bereavement," she wrote in an email.

"In a rural community such as ours,



Volunteers Kim Kelly, left, and Marybeth Wilson, sing to a client, as part of hospice bedside singing. Volunteers are needed for all of the hospice programs at Haliburton Highlands Health Services. /Submitted by Brigitte Gebauer

where isolation often accompanies periods of illness, the ability to connect to a supportive volunteer is of heightened importance. It is also a tremendously meaningful way for volunteers to contribute to overall health and well-being of their community. In addition to [one-to-one] and group support provided by our volunteers, the presence of a strong hospice program in our community expands the conversation around death and dying in a manner that de-stigmatizes an uncomfortable topic for many."

A longtime cottager, Koskelo is now retired. She had worked in business for 10 years, followed by being a parent and then, most recently, a yoga instructor.

She's been a hospice volunteer on and off since 2007 while living in Toronto, and said she started because she was curious about dying and death.

Death was something she thought of because of her many years of meditative inquiry and yoga.

"Looking at death sort of comes as a natural extension of that," she said. "For me at that time I was just very curious and wanted to explore that. Hospice was a way to do that and I became a volunteer with hospice Toronto."

She's not quite certain about where her interest in hospice came from other than reading an article or learning about a person with an end of life scenario.

"People come [to volunteer with hospice] for many different reasons. My reason and my experiences is just one experience. Many people come for different rea-

sons. It can be they experienced a death and want to know more or they had a good experience or they had a bad experience. Sometimes they've experienced hospice volunteers in their home and want to turn around and offer that same thing," she said.

Much of her volunteering is in the area of home hospice, which means she visits clients in their home.

She's learned everyone needs help. This includes care giving for clients at the end of their life and for the caregivers, who need a break. Helping doesn't require any expertise, she said. It's all about being present and embracing the life of another person.

"Just being with life in a very intimate way, really, but it's also very ordinary. The stuff of hospice is very ordinary in many ways. It can be very practical. Very simple. So, it's very ... it's a very rewarding thing. Anybody who volunteers at anything gets something back or they wouldn't do [it], right? And what you get from hospice is extraordinary and rich and I think the payoff is very high. I hope to ease somebody's way a little bit by showing up. But what comes back is very rewarding," she said.

Hospice clients and their loved ones have access to support including the cancer support group, palliative care commu-

nity team, educational information, inter-agency referrals and family supports.

To become a volunteer, people must go through a screening process, complete reference and police checks, and receive extensive training. Clients and volunteers are carefully matched. The in-house visits are scheduled with regular visits based on the needs of the clients. Volunteers are not alone. There is support.

Hospice has a number of volunteer opportunities for people: visiting in the home, long-term care, acute care in the hospital, bedside singers, and bereavement support.

Asked about what hospice can offer not readily known by the public, MacLaren said "I think that the community would benefit from knowing that there is grief and bereavement support provided through our hospice program – both in terms of individual and group support. Support can be provided to family members struggling with the illness of a family member at any point of the journey – whether it be learning and supporting their role as caregivers, or coming to terms with [the] imminent passing of a loved one. Hospice volunteers are here to support."

MacLaren said volunteers such as Koskelo make the hospice service what it is.

"We are so very grateful for the commitment of our stellar group of hospice volunteers. Beyond the extensive training they commit to, the value of the role they play in the lives of our community members cannot be fully expressed in words."

For more information about hospice services and other HHHS resources, contact HHHS at 705-457-2941 extension 2932 or visit www.hhhs.ca.

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'Rooster' gets a helping hand on her first morning in Cuba

On my recent holiday with my daughter in Manzanillo de Cuba she gave me the nickname "Rooster." It suits me because I'm an early riser. In Cuba, each morning at first light, I'd head out the hotel room door without intending to disturb my daughter. It was no easy task. I wore my PJs, a light jacket and my cap, my running shoes and socks holding my coffee mug and yoga mat carrying my knapsack on my back packed the night before that contained everything I needed to enjoy the morning time up to lunch: my bathing suit, swim cap and goggles, my journal and pen, my water "noodle," my sunscreen, meditation sitting block, a shawl, dharma (teachings), a timer, a book for reading, a coverup and the room pass key.

"Have I forgotten anything?" I ask myself on the first morning.

As I head down the stairs to the spot on the beach for later meditation, dropping off my knapsack and yoga mat, it's hard for me to stay mindful, hard to walk slowly and carefully down the stairs because I am mesmerized by the morning rays that rise above the mountains, above the faint light of the ocean waves. I am helped by remembering the words of the Vietnamese monk, Thich Nhat Hanh, "peace in every step" and I head to my second destination, the coffee bar.

"Buenos dias. Cappuccino, por favor," I smile and say handing my coffee mug to the server. A few other "roosters" are getting their coffees, but I keep my distance, I keep my silence as I make my way to the beach where the morning show of sunrise is happening. I find a secluded spot and take a seat sipping in a "coffee sky." I must take a pause as I have the urge to move my bowels.

Slowly and mindfully I make my way to the women's washroom by the pool in the darkness again remembering "peace in every step." Alex has already begun cleaning the pool and other workers are preparing the pool area, washing the deck, setting out the chairs.

On this first morning, I suddenly find myself on the toilet seat in the darkness reaching for toilet paper and – there's no toilet paper. What to do? Don't want to miss sunrise.

As if from nowhere, a hand presents itself to me under the door of the washroom cubicle, not an ordinary hand, but the hand of an angel because it's full of toilet paper.

"Mucho gracias!" I manage to speak.

When I exit no one is there. Who was this angel? My eyes focus on a heavyset woman mopping the pool floor nearby. I head over to her. She smiles a smile as big and bright as the sunrise. I smile back. I begin to remember her from last year. I remember she likes to sew and I gave her some sewing supplies. We hug. I head back to my chair just in time for the moment of sunrise. My heart is full. The morning is full. The morning flows: Tai Chi stretches, meditation with my daughter, eight brocades of Qi Gong, dipping into the ocean with my noodle free and easy, rapid writing, moving to the pool area, dawning my dress for breakfast, breakfast with an omelette and fresh fruit and juices to the pool for swimming followed by yoga facilitated by my daughter – relaxed reading, dharma reading.

On day two it's the same morning routine – except this time I remember to add toilet paper to my necessities.

By Barbara Rosen

Ice Dams & Deer

Surprised and grateful
They came back..just 4 at first
Then none for days and days
Determined not to start
No corn & oats left in the winter bin
They are so smart
Staring at me.. just standing still nodding their heads
Then gone one by one
To better grazing grounds...

Doorbell rings - a rare thing in my house
Reminds me of a childhood rhyme
"Nobody comes to see me except a little mouse"
Here are two hulking chaps wrapped up for the cold
They too have come back to finish chopping the ice
dams
To attack the foot thick ice dams hanging past the
eaves
A picture falls off the wall – the house shakes with
the banging
Mission accomplished, they too leave

Days pass and I relent... I buy two bags of deer feed
Family of 4 return... they brought their relations
They stare
I'm done... So much for my resolve!

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Editorial

Finding one, finding home

I HAD THE PLEASURE of facilitating the community drum circle recently at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. This is an established circle with a mixture of familiar and new faces each week, so taking the baton, so to speak, for the first time was stepping out of my comfort zone and, wonderfully, into an embracing group.

Folks, young and old, come out for all kinds of reasons – some to learn new rhythms, some to get out of the house, and some to get out of their ever rambling heads and connect with their pulsing, alive bodies. Drumming is therapeutic; drumming is fun.

I tried percussion in high school but didn't do very well at it. I couldn't keep

a beat, which was a bit of a problem, so dropped out of this extracurricular activity. Then about 10 years ago, I got an African djembe drum and began the journey of reconnecting with my internal rhythms.

I was always musical, to some extent, and could play an instrument well when I had the notes in front of me. But given an eight bar solo, I was chaotic and noisy. I just could not improvise, I could not drop into the groove. So I worked with a metronome and practised keeping aligned with "one," as in counting the beats: one, two, three, four.

After a while, "one" became pretty boring so I ventured out and began to explore. One and two and three and-a-four and. OK, now this was good. This was fun.

And then I started thinking what new rhythm I could do, and that's when it all fell apart again. So back to one---one---one---one. Every time I got out of my body and into my thoughts, I got lost and had to come back and reconnect to one---one---one---one.

Eventually I learned if I put attention to my seat – felt the weight of my being there on the chair and not in my head – I was stable; I was rooted; I was anchored. And when I drummed that way, I could always find one, I could always wander

off and then in any moment, resiliently, find home. My roots were deep and knitted in, and I could have fun playing rhythms and counter-rhythms with the group in such a joyful and creative way. It was sensational. I was alive!

One, and home, so perfectly interconnected.

Home is such an interesting concept. Is it the place you grew up in, the place you live in now, or is it a feeling you get when you're in sync with all that is good and true?

After drumming some call and response beats to the circle, teaching a three-part rhythm, and letting loose together, I had the group play a heartbeat pulse together – one-two and, one-two and, one-two and, one-two and.

The lights were lowered and you could feel the bonding happen as the rhythm became communal – one-two and, one-two and, one-two and, one-two and. It was powerful, and uplifting, and I began singing a song by Penelope Smith I'd learned at Ontario Womyn's Drum Camp at Camp White Pine June 14-17:

In the heartbeat of the Mother, we are all lovers.

In the heartbeat of the Mother, we are all one love.

I think if you asked any drummer

where they were right then, they might have said home, because after 45 minutes of playing and listening to each other, we had softened into, not a circle of players, but a ring of happy friends in a groove together. It was absolutely wondrous!

In the heartbeat of the Mother, we are all lovers.

In the heartbeat of the Mother, we are all one love.

One love, one love, we are all one love.

One love, one love, we are all one love.

Feeling at home, feeling that cozy contentment, is always just a resilient beat away.

One breath, one choice, one embrace, and here it is again. "One---one---one---one."

I wonder if stress and anxiety come from not being rooted in the One Heartbeat, not being woven in to the fabric of life itself. In our culture, it's so easy to be distracted away from it, to get out of sync, to get lost. But isn't it wonderful that all you have to do is anchor into your own goodness and deeply reconnect to your own heartbeat.

One-two and, one-two and, one-two and, one-two and.

In the heartbeat of the Mother, we are all lovers.

In the heartbeat of the Mother, we are all one love.

Groovy!

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MARCI MANDEL

Way of Wonder



Top ten up sides of wearing a mask

IF YOU GO to the city or watch any major newscast, you are eventually going to see people wearing masks to protect themselves against the coronavirus. Obviously, this is not an ideal situation and, clearly, it would be best if the virus was eradicated. Having said that, I think that these masks might become more common in the next little while. With that in mind, I think we ought to look on the bright side. Here then are my top ten reasons why medical masks are not so bad.



STEVE GALEA

Humour Columnist

1. No one will see your chapped lips.
2. Ladies, you can finally grow your own moustache.
3. No one will ever know you have rabies.
4. It provides a welcome break from worrying about spinach in your teeth.
5. Ventriloquism just got a whole lot easier.

6. Garlicfest, here we come!
7. Take that, lip readers!
8. Saves on mouthwash.
9. The best time in the world to get braces.
10. Great way to break the chewing tobacco habit

Hmmpppphh

"Cold..." says tabby window warrior
 Clacks and shudders behind glass
 Cannot pounce from snow or railing
 Gets an F in feral class

Chickadees puff downy feathers
 Scalloped spheres like smallish owls
 Goldfinch, juncos, less inflated
 Blue jay fluffballs incur growls

Tabby's fat now, barely fitting
 On her indoor viewing sill
 Woodstove beckons closer daily
 Rather than a winter hill

Feeders fresh sunflower-seeded
 Swing like lurid bait outside
 Every hour different feathers
 Tantalize dear tabby's pride

"I could catch and bite a turkey
 If my paws and face were warm"
 Ponders slug from fire-lit front room
 And projects avoidance norm

Bird's now placed in cold floor dishes
 Chicken from a pop-out can
 Tabby slips away from dreaming
 Kitchen's now her middleman

By Deborah J Reed



By Deborah J Reed

Town hall seeks input on destination development

CHAD INGRAM

County Life Staff

Anyone with an interest in the county’s tourism activities may wish to attend a town hall meeting at the Haliburton Legion on the evening of Tuesday, March 3.

The County of Haliburton has hired tourism marketing firm MMGY NextFactor to compile the plan, designed to help further map the sustainable development of the Haliburton Highlands as a tourist destination.

“The destination development plan is a continuation of the stakeholder survey and workshop conducted in spring 2019 by MMGY NextFactor,” county director Amanda Virtanen told the paper. “They will take all of that input from last year, and couple it with the information they are gathering now via a series of 1:1 sessions, focus groups and a town hall. It’s so important for as much of the community to weigh in as possible – not just tourism-related businesses – as this plan will help shape the future of the Haliburton Highlands as a whole. While the County of Haliburton is ‘hosting’ this process, our hope is that the entire community feels a sense of ownership of this plan. We are fortunate to be working with an independent party in the formation of the plan and feel that provides an

unbiased approach for many voices to be heard.”

The town hall meeting, open to all members of the public, will take place at the Haliburton Legion at 719 Mountain Street in Haliburton Village on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

In addition to the town hall meeting, a series of focus groups aimed at particular groups will also take place on March 3 and March 4. These sessions will also take place at the Haliburton Legion, and it’s asked that those wishing to attend preregister.

A focus group meeting for accommodators and restaurateurs to provide input will take place on March 3 at 1 p.m. and registration can be done at www.eventbrite.ca/e/94655305567.

A focus group session for tour operators and experience providers will be held on March 4 at 9 a.m. and can be registered for by visiting www.eventbrite.ca/e/94657971541.

A session intended for community leaders will also take place on March 4 at noon and can be registered for at www.eventbrite.ca/e/94658539239.

Another focus group session, designed to attain input from lake and cottage associations, will take place March 4 at 3 p.m. and registration is available at www.eventbrite.ca/e/94658924391.

The destination development plan, a \$60,000 project for the county, is expected to be finalized by the summer.



Drew Gonsalves will be performing at YMCA Wanakita along with Emily Burgess and Nick Russell. / SUBMITTED

Folk camp concerts open to public

The Haliburton County Folk Society is inviting the public to join them for two concerts this weekend, which are part of their annual Winter Folk Camp.

Boreal, made up of Katherine Wheatley, Tannis Slimmon, and Angie Nussey, will be performing at YMCA Wanakita on Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

“Boreal is a trio of accomplished solo musicians that combine to create stunning harmonies supported by compelling material and great musicianship,” said Thom Lambert, co-ordinator.

On Sunday, March 8, Nick Russell, Emily Burgess and Drew Gonsalves will be on stage.

“Three amazing musicians, each rooted in a distinct tradition of jazz, blues and calypso music. This will be their first time sharing the stage, and Winter Folk Camp concert veterans know that magic happens when we do that,” Lambert said.

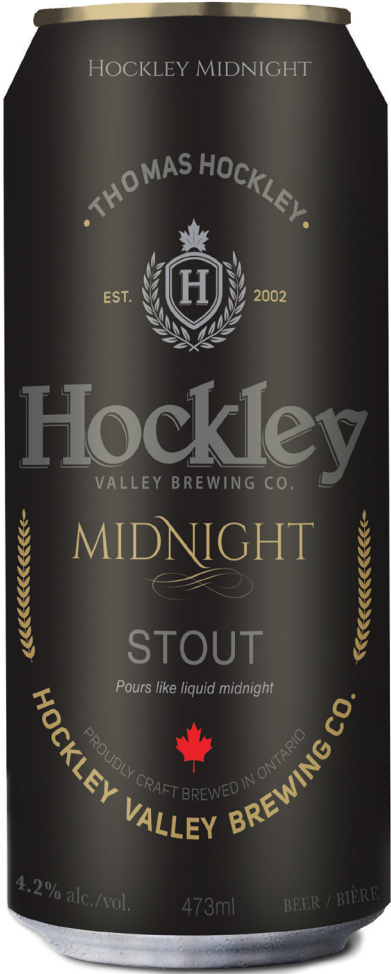
Tickets are available online at haliburtonfolk.com, or by emailing Lambert at singingdog1@gmail.com.

- Staff

Glimpses

Shadows fluttering over hillocks of Snow,
glazed by a blaze of Sun, dissolving into blue Air,
as light ignites their flight.
I watch from the road, as the starlings scatter,
blurring into the branches of trees,
bare as the Air that cradles their wings.
I gaze down at my own shadow, bruising the skin of Snow,
dwarfing the pine saplings, sprouting along the side of the road,
only their tops and upper branches peeking through,
the rest of them, bundled in mounds of Snow,
their growth taking root beneath the frozen ground,
to shoot up like the pines that surround them.
I wonder whether the tall pines are parents to the small ones,
whether the children will outgrow them some day,
yet share the same space for the rest of their lives.
Dozens of pine saplings poking through Snow, that I never noticed before,
gawking up at the majesty of the old ones instead,
as I walk this same road every day, their branches, laden with Snow,
greeting me like loyal friends, each time I pass, barely glancing at their offspring,
that somehow disappear beneath the green skirts of their guardians.
But now, in the desert of winter, in this stillness of Snow,
Sun blaring above my head, I cast glances down towards the ground instead,
catching glimpses of tall grasses, scratch marks in the Snow,
their stalks, bent or broken, feeling their brittleness in my bones,
an icy patch on the side of the road,
where the debris of dead leaves remains frozen in time,
a twig that once sprouted from its tree, now splintered into shreds,
a puddle of pine needles pooling in the Snow,
shed from branches weighted by its burden.
I stop and bend over, to ruffle the top of one of the smallest saplings,
just a few branches peeping through,
the rest of the future tree, cocooned in the darkness of Snow.
I wonder whether it catches glimpses of what it will be,
as it sleeps with its siblings amongst a forest of elders,
stretching and growing beneath a blaze of blue Sky,
the shadow of its parents
clearing space for it
to breathe.

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- Quiet residential area



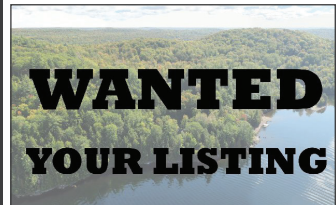
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Legion Events

Branch 636 Minden

Monday – Thursday Breakfast 9 to 11 a.m.

Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday Liver Lovers Special plus regular menu

Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m., Fish & Chips, or Wings & Fries (Onion Rings.)

Saturday All day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a lunch special from 12 noon.

Daily events:

Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)

Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group.

1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,

Wednesday 12 p.m. - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for \$1 a ticket.

1 to 4 p.m. - Ladies Darts,

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Calorie Counters

Thursday 7 p.m. Darts in the Sports Room.

7 p.m. Euchre in the Club Room

Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday 1 p.m. - Four special draws

Sunday 12 to 4:30 p.m. Sports Day

Branch 624 Wilberforce

Friday Pool 1:30 p.m., Community Care

Lunch 12 p.m. Everyone 55+ welcome.

If interested call Denice Butler 705-448-

8865 to book. Wing night 6 to 9 p.m.

Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. Sharp! If you come out offer to help sell tickets please!

Sunday L.A. breakfast 9 to 12 p.m.

Monday Card Night 7 p.m. Beginner's welcome.

Tuesday Executive meeting 7p.m.

Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.

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Branch 129 Haliburton 705-457-2571

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7 p.m.

Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m.

(Sept - June)

Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start

Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$1,000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.

Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are \$1 each from noon onwards

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome!

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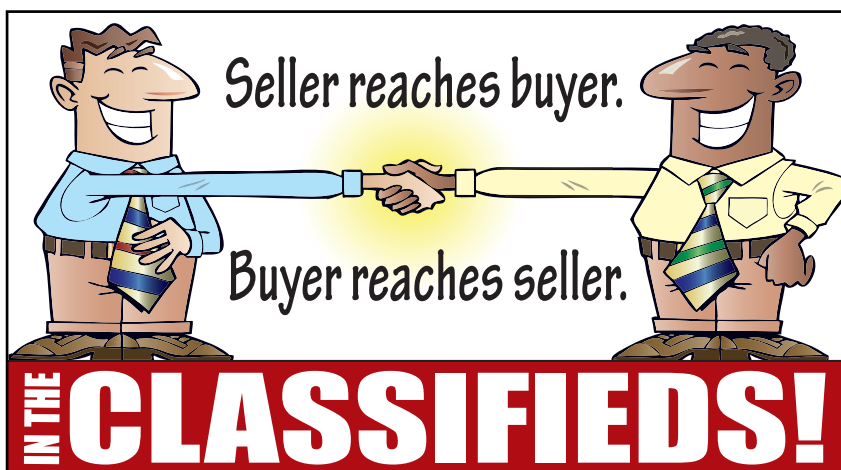
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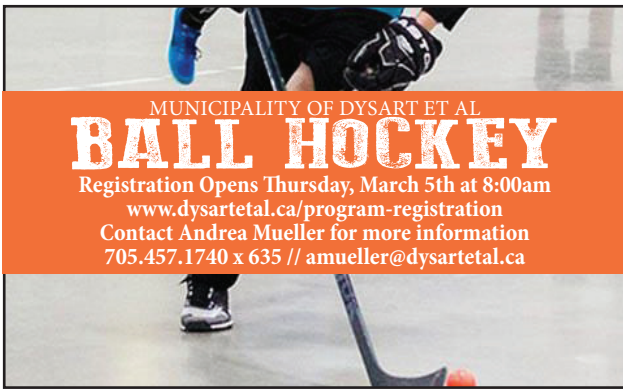
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If you wish to apply, please send a resume to Matt Brown/Site Manager at

matt@onondagacamp.com

Please feel free to contact at (705-286-5025)

Community Events



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World Day of Prayer, An ecumenical service

When: Friday, March 6 at 1 p.m.

Where: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden

All are welcome to attend. Refreshments and a short film to follow. Wheelchair accessible.

Minden Curling Club, Boshkung social - tag curling

When: Friday March 6, 6:30 p.m. to curl at 7 p.m. start

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Contact Robert: at robertpeacock89@yahoo.ca

or call 705-286-3311

Minden Legion presents Gord Kidd & Friend, Brad Sales

When: Saturday, March 7, 2 to 5 p.m.

Where: Minden Legion

Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m.

Meat Draw at 1 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, For the Love of our Land – Stories of Conservation

When: Wednesday, March 11, 7 to 9 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery

Hear conservation stories from Peter Dahl, Margaret and Leo Dobzensky, the Bathe family, and Wayne Krangle. All have provided excellent stewardship of their land and two families have donated their properties to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. A partnership with Yours Outdoors Speaker Series. Please register through Yours Outdoors at www.yoursoutdoors.ca

Lenten Lunch

When: March 11

Where: Our Lady of the Fatima Catholic Church

Service at 12 noon. Followed by soup lunch. By Donation

Haliburton: No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic

When: Wednesday, March 11

Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton.

Free immunization clinics for families without a doctor. To book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Up Close with Ontario Wildlife

When: Saturday, March 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery

Join interpreters from Speaking of Wildlife as they give you a chance to see, touch, and learn about some interesting Ontario wildlife species. A family friendly event. Please purchase tickets in advance at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-457-0455. Admission: Adult \$15, Child \$10, Family \$35

The Country Hot Flashes

When: Saturday, March 14, 3 to 6 p.m. 50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom

Cost: \$5.00 cover charge for non-members

Recurring Events

Volunteer Income Tax Clinics

The Wilberforce Clinics will be from 2 to 4 pm every Wednesday from Feb 26 to April 29th at the Royal Canadian Legion, Wilberforce Branch 624, 1007 Burleigh Rd, Wilberforce. It is first come first served so no appointment is needed.

Euchre Night

Where: West Guilford Community Centre

When: Every Tuesday night at 7 P.M. Cost is \$4.00

Refreshments provided. The community centre is accessible. All are welcome.

Free Public Skating

Where: Behind the West Guilford Community Centre

Hockey nets available. Great lighting for skating at night. Everyone welcome.

Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group

When: Third Thursday of each month 10 a.m. to noon

Where: Fireside Lounge Hyland Crest Senior Residence, Minden, 6 McPherson St.

What: We are a group of stroke survivors and caregivers sharing personal experiences, exchanging information, learning healthy lifestyles, and offering mutual support.

Facilities are wheelchair accessible. Please join us. You are not alone. Contact: Lois Rigney 705-286-1765 for more info.

Cooking Classes

When: Fridays 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Haliburton (49 Maple Ave Unit 4) and Minden (55 Parkside Street)

Classes are free! Sponsored by Government of Ontario, Township of Minden Hills and Municipality of Dysart et al and SIRCH For more information on Haliburton dates please contact Andrea at amueller@dysartetal.ca and for Minden dates please contact Elisha at eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Snowshoe Hikes

When: Mondays 2 to 4 p.m.

Where: Snowdon Park, Barnum Creek, White Water Preserve, Glebe Park

No cost! Sponsored by Government of Ontario, Township of Minden Hills and Municipality of Dysart et al and SIRCH For more information please contact Elisha at eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Line Dancing

When: Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall

What: Enjoy exercising body and soul with weekly Line Dancing. Great Physical activity for all levels of dancers. Beginners welcome. Contact: Jacqui at Clancelinedance@gmail.com

Devotional Gatherings

Mondays/Tuesdays-Join us for prayers, meditations, readings; all spiritual traditions are honoured and welcome-an open space for reflection, prayer and sharing for the well-being of people and the state of the world. "Religion should unite all hearts and cause wars and disputes to vanish from the earth" (www.bahai.org); call Kathie/George, 705-286-3378 or Pat 416-606-9657.

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Minden: Hyland Crest Auditorium - Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Classes are free

For more information, contact Cathy Thomas, 705-489-2187 or Carol Browne, 705-457-4551

Grief Support Group Community Support Services

When: First Wednesday of every month Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden Hospital 1 to 3 p.m. or second Wednesday of every month Abbey Retreat Centre, 1150 Garden Gate Drive West Guilford, 1 to 3 p.m.

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Thursdays from 10:00 - noon at Haliburton United Church

Thursdays from 10:00 - noon at Galway Community Hall - Kinmount

Fridays from 10:00 - noon at Stanhope Community Centre

705-457-5829 or www.taoist.org for more information

Morning Glories Fitness

Where: Upstairs, A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton

When: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

Ladies fitness group for all levels

Contact: Jane 705-754-9996

Community Drum Circle, starting Feb. 2020

Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Patio, 23 York St.

Join the community Drum Circle. Instruments available. Beginners welcome. Family-friendly. Each week a volunteer will facilitate the Circle. By donation in support of Haliburton DrumFest

Haliburton: Pickleball

When: Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Haliburton High School Gym.

Cost is \$2 and rackets are provided. Bring clean indoor shoes.

Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Minden: Pickleball

When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden

Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes.

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County taxes up only 1.3 per cent

With a municipal election just eight months away, Haliburton County Council has approved a 1988 budget which will come as good news to most tax payers.

The county's management committee met on March 6 to iron out the final details of this year's budget to be presented at last Wednesday's council meeting. And after last

year's enormous tax hike, the committee was holding a tight line this year in approving an increase of just 1.27 per cent.

"I don't think this will be bad news for taxpayers,"

said management committee chairman Murray Fearrey in presenting the new budget Wednesday. He said the committee tried to hold departmental increases to a maximum of

4.6 per cent, which he said represents the current rate of inflation.

The budget for the previous year had

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Budget highlights

While most departments are experiencing little or no change with the passing of Haliburton County's 1988 budget, Management Committee Chairman Murray Fearrey highlighted a few of the areas where significant change will occur. Some of these areas are as follows:

Environment

At the inaugural meeting of council, a pledge was made for increased attention to environmental concerns. This is reflected in the new budget for committee meetings, which has been increased to \$20,000 for 1988. The previous budget for committee meetings was set at \$15,500, although the actual spending for this was almost \$19,000 last year.

Advertising

The county's budget for advertising increased dramatically this year, largely due to plans to purchase 2,500 county pins. The advertising budget is set at \$5,250, compared to only \$675 last year. Actual spending for advertising in 1987 more than doubled the budgeted amount, though.

Building

Repairs and maintenance to the county building totalled more than \$31,000 last year, and council is setting aside even more for 1988. This year, council has approved a budget of \$49,500 for repairs and maintenance, most of which will take place at the registry office.

Railway

The greatest departmental increase is in the budget for recreation and cultural services. This increase from \$30,000 to \$74,000 is largely due to the purchase of the

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County to address reduction of seats

The smaller Haliburton County municipalities could be facing amalgamation with their neighbours, should county council decide a restructuring is necessary.

At last Wednesday's meeting, a notice of motion was introduced, telling county council members that this matter will be raised at the May meeting. The motion to be addressed in May, as proposed by Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe, would see the county restructured into five municipalities, replacing the present nine.

Commenting on the notice of motion, Howe urged his fellow council members not to overreact. He said the restructuring would not create a form of regional government, but make a stronger county government.

Howe urged the county council members to bring this issue up for discussion with their municipal councils. He also hopes the municipalities will pass a resolution either supporting or rejecting the move. He said it is important to know what the whole council thinks about this, rather than just the heads of council.

The notice of motion was made Wednesday to provide council members to months to consider the merits and drawbacks and be prepared for serious discussion in May.

The idea to streamline the county stems from one of the recommendations

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There was plenty of action at the Minden Library last week as youngsters turned out to sing and dance with entertainer Alex Sinclair. The entertaining afternoon was put on by the library and the Ministry of Culture and Communications for the students who didn't escape to warmer climes for the March school break.

HHSS band off to Nationals

An outstanding performance in the regional stage band festival in Bracebridge has earned the HHSS Senior Stage Band the opportunity to compete on the national level in Calgary in May.

The regional festival was held on February 26, but the band did not learn of its results until last week. The

band has qualified to compete in the gold level at the National Stage Band Festival on May 18 to 22.

Band Director Rick Vaughan received the good news early last week. Although the students were off for March break, a special meeting was held of the band executive to make plans for the trip.

In order to compete in Calgary, the band will have to raise more than \$14,000. To do this, they will be approaching local businesses, service clubs and the board of education for contributions.

The National Stage Band Festival is an annual event, held in a new location each year. The top

high school bands from across Canada will be competing at various skill levels, ranging from bronze to gold. The HHSS band will compete at the gold level, which places them among the very best in the country.

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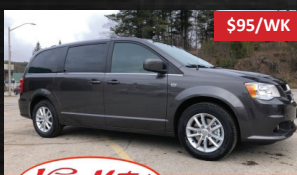


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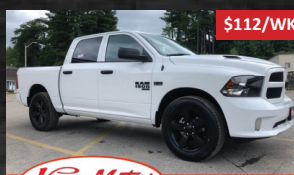
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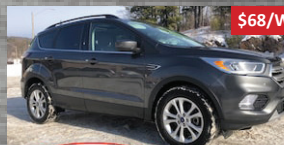
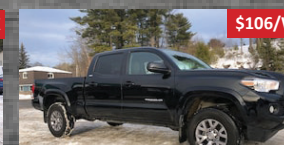
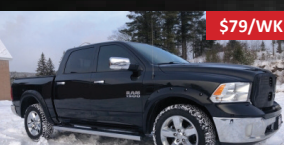
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 2015 TOYOTA 4RUNNER SR5 Stock #2586 4X4 / V6 / BACKUP CAM / TOW / RUNNING BRDS PWR DRIVER SEAT / SATELLITE RADIO / BLUETOOTH / REMOTE ENTRY! ONLY 39,104 KM! OUR PRICE \$33,299 Plus HST & Licensing	 2017 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT Stock #19361A 4X4 / V6 / TOW / HARD TOP / SATELLITE RADIO / SIDE STEPS / CRUISE CONTROL! OUR PRICE \$22,999 Plus HST & Licensing	 2018 FORD ESCAPE SEL Stock #2570 PREVIOUS DAILY RENTAL / 4X4 / 1.5L / LEATHER / NAV / HTD SEATS / SUNROOF / REMOTE ENTRY! OUR PRICE \$21,999 Plus HST & Licensing	 2018 RAM 2500 SLT Stock #2559 PREVIOUS DAILY RENTAL / 4X4 / CUMMINS DIESEL / CREW CAB / 8' BOX / BEDLINER / BACKUP CAM / TOW / PWR DRIVER SEAT! OUR PRICE \$49,999 Plus HST & Licensing	 2018 DODGE CHARGER GT Stock #2566 PREVIOUS DAILY RENTAL / AWD / V6 / NAV / HTD SEATS / SUNROOF / REMOTE START / BACKUP CAM! OUR PRICE \$24,998 Plus HST & Licensing	 2018 FORD EXPLORER XLT Stock #2569 PREVIOUS DAILY RENTAL / 4X4 / V6 / HTD SEATS / PARK ASSIST / BACKUP CAM / REMOTE START / 7 SEATS! OUR PRICE \$27,999 Plus HST & Licensing
 2014 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED Stock #20027A 4X4 / V6 / LEATHER / HTD SEATS / BACKUP CAM / REMOTE START / PWR LIFTGATE / BLUETOOTH! OUR PRICE \$21,199 Plus HST & Licensing	 2014 FIAT 500L TREKKING Stock #20009A 1.4L / NAV / HTD SEATS / SUNROOF / BLUETOOTH / REMOTE ENTRY / SATELLITE RADIO! OUR PRICE \$9,199 Plus HST & Licensing	 2013 FORD ESCAPE SE Stock #2557A 4X4 / 1.6L / HTD SEATS / TOW / BLUETOOTH / SATELLITE RADIO / REMOTE ENTRY / PWR LIFTGATE! OUR PRICE \$7,998 Plus HST & Licensing	 2019 TOYOTA TACOMA SR5 Stock #2596 4X4 / V6 / HTD SEATS / BACKUP CAM / REMOTE ENTRY / BLUETOOTH / TOW / BEDLINER! OUR PRICE \$34,499 Plus HST & Licensing	 2014 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT Stock #2603 V6 / STOW 'N GO / REMOTE ENTRY / 7 SEATS / BLUETOOTH / CRUISE CONTROL / PWR WINDOWS/LOCKS/MIRRORS! OUR PRICE \$12,199 Plus HST & Licensing	 2018 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT Stock #2612 4X4 / 2.4L / HTD SEATS / REMOTE START / BLUETOOTH / TOW / CRUISE CONTROL! OUR PRICE \$22,499 Plus HST & Licensing
 2016 RAM 1500 BIG HORN Stock #2567A 4X4 / ECODIESEL / CREW CAB / HTD SEATS / BACKUP CAM / TOW / BEDLINER / TONNEAU COVER / BLUETOOTH! OUR PRICE \$22,999 Plus HST & Licensing	 2017 RAM 2500 SXT Stock #2575 4X4 / CUMMINS DIESEL / CREW CAB / LIFT KIT / 35" TIRES / LIGHT BAR / TOW / BEDLINER / BACKUP CAM / REMOTE START! OUR PRICE \$45,999 Plus HST & Licensing	 2017 RAM 2500 LARAMIE Stock #2615 4x4 / CUMMINS DIESEL / CREW CAB / LEATHER / NAV / HTD & COOLED SEATS / BACKUP CAM / 5TH WHEEL PREP / BEDLINER! OUR PRICE \$55,999 Plus HST & Licensing	 17 RAM 1500 SXT Stock #19307B 4X4 / HEMI V8 / CREW CAB / BEDLINER / TOW / REMOTE ENTRY / BLUETOOTH / SATELLITE RADIO! OUR PRICE \$26,999 Plus HST & Licensing	 2017 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER Stock #2613 4X4 / V6 / HTD SEATS / BACKUP CAM / TOW / BLUETOOTH / SUNROOF / REMOTE ENTRY / 7 SEATS! OUR PRICE \$21,999 Plus HST & Licensing	 2013 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT Stock #19304A V6 / STOW 'N GO / REMOTE ENTRY / TOW / BLUETOOTH / SATELLITE RADIO / CRUISE CONTROL! OUR PRICE \$7,999 Plus HST & Licensing

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Spruce Lake
Custom built 3BR, 3 bath, waterfront home/cottage. With 25 acres, 225 ft of frtg and Southern exposure. This private and peaceful property. open concept living with beautiful maple cabinetry. Cozy sunroom, gorgeous gazebo or stone patio with firepit. 2 BR guest cottage. Wheelchair accessible.
\$1,399,000



Kennisis Lake
Looking for a yr-rnd home or a 4-season cottage? Breathtaking 3-bdrm, 2 bath home. Custom built kitchen w/ granite countertops, built-in appliances, lrg island & much more. Low maintenance property is very energy efficient. 4 season sunroom. Ramps, paths & staircases suitable for all ages. 4 season bunkie & double car garage. Call LBO for all extra special details.
\$1,150,000



Grass Lake
Stunning 4 BR, 4 bath turn key home/cottage. Large sunny level lot. 100+ ft of private frtg and personal boat launch. Panoramic lake view. 80ft deck. High quality finishing's. Many upgrades in fall of 2018. Double attached garage and detached single garage with carport. Shows pride of ownership.
\$1,050,000



Colbourne Lake
Enjoy being close to nature in a quiet, private and peaceful setting. 4 BR, 2 bath log home/cottage. 25 acres of mature trees. Stunning open concept living. Engineered hardwood flooring, granite countertops and walk-out to covered wraparound deck. Heated workshop with loft.
\$999,000



Kennisis Lake
Low maintenance 4 season cottage. 4 bdrm, 1 Bath. Open concept. Oversized dining area perfect for hosting. Large deck with glass railing. Lots of space for the whole family to stay. Additional living space in bunkie. Beautifully landscaped maintenance free property. Granite flower beds and stairway to water. Ample privacy and much more.
\$899,000

VACANT LOTS

Kennisis Lake \$895,000 4.3AC	Old Donald Road \$49,997
Drag Lake \$499,000 7.24AC	New listing Trappers Trail \$49,900 0.93AC
Colborne Lake \$289,000 4.83AC	Deep Bay Rd \$49,000 3.05 AC
Contau Lake \$165,000 1.33AC	Contau Lake Road \$49,000 3.91AC
Harburn Road \$99,000 44+AC	Fred Jones road \$34,500 6.59AC
Irondale River \$79,000 3.22AC	Fred Jones Road \$25,000 0.38AC



WENONA LAKE
\$683,000
Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views.



HALIBURTON LAKE
\$639,000
Meticulously cared for 3 BR, 2 bath year round home/cottage. Private lot perfect for children to play. 176 ft frtg. Beautiful sandy beach, dock and full sun. Bright open concept living. Fully finished lower level. Enjoy the stunning views of nature. Detached single garage. A property that can be enjoyed all year.



TWELVE MILE LAKE
\$569,969
Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch. 56 ft of Houston docking. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes.



LONG LAKE
\$499,900
Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy. Endless possibilities.